(e) in what manner Government propose to solve the present problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported that raids are organised from time to time to remove the reharies and unauthorised squatters. The Delhi Police has also been taking action under the Delhi Police Act against encroachments by shopkeepers. Regular patrolling by traffic police is done in the area and vehicles found parked illegally and improperly are being prosecuted under the Motor Vehicles Act. As result of constant watch on illegal and improper parking of vehicles, there has been an improvement in clearing roads.

(d) MCD has stated that no such rehabilitation has been undertaken by it.

(e) Both MCD and Delhi Police are taking regular action against unauthorised squatters and encroachers.

Periodical check up of traffic policemen in Delhi

4112. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the traffic policemen standing at various crossings in Delhi are more affected by the air pollution coming from the vehicles on the roads as reported in the Times of India of November 21, 1992;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government have made any arrangements in hospitals or in health centres for the periodical check up of such policemen in Delhi; and in other cities;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what instructions Government have issued in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (e) The Delhi Police has reported that a study conducted by Central Road Research Institute on behalf of Delhi Traffic Police in collaboration with All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi to access the effects of environmental pollution on the health of traffic policemen in Delhi has revealed that the health of traffic policemen working constantly in adverse and extreme environmental conditions is affected, both in the short and the long run, in the form of ill effects on his health and efficiency.

On the recommendation of the study conducted by Central Road Research Institute, the Delhi Police is taking the following steps:—

(i) Introduction of gas mask for personnel serving at heavily polluted inter-sections.

(ii) Rotation of traffic policemen in such a manner as to ensure that they do not remain posted at a polluted traffic intersection beyond a specific period of time.

(iii) Free medical check up of traffic policemen.

A continuous research study to assess the ill effects of pollution on the health of traffic policemen has also been taken up with the help of the Vallabh Bhai Patel Chest Institute, Delhi University. The Institute has started the examination and treatment (wherever necessary) of traffic staff.

Transport Department of Delhi Administration has been implementing a Plan Scheme 'Control of Air Pollution from the Exhaust of Motor Vehicles'. Under the scheme, the vehicle owners have to obtain Pollution Control Check Certificates for their vehicles according to their registration numbers as per a prescribed time-schedule.